

1 What is claimed is:

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3 1. In a storage system employed in a client-server network, an interface operating  
4 between a first protocol and a second protocol comprising:

5 means for receiving first information in accordance with said first protocol from  
6 said client;

7 means, operatively coupled to said receiving means, for determining that said first  
8 protocol is acceptable to allow further processing of said first information in said system;

9 means, responsive to operation of said determining means, for translating said  
10 first information into second information compatible with said second protocol;

11 object manager means operative in accordance with said second protocol;

12 means for forwarding said second information to said object manager means and,  
13 responsive to said object manager means managing said second information, for  
14 receiving a managed response thereto from said object manager means;

15 means for reverse-translating said managed response into an equivalent response  
16 compatible with said first protocol; and,

17 means for forwarding said equivalent response to said client.

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19 2. The interface of claim 1 and wherein said first protocol is CIM/XML/HTTP.

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21 3. The interface of claim 2 and wherein said second protocol is WMI/DCOM.

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23 4. The interface of claim 1 and wherein said determining means further comprises:

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1 means for establishing a plurality of acceptable protocols;  
2 means for comparing said first protocol against said plurality of acceptable  
3 protocols seriatim until said first protocol matches one of said plurality of protocols; and,  
4 means, responsive to operation of said comparing means for allowing said  
5 further processing.

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7 5. The interface of claim 4 and wherein the result of said operation of said  
8 comparing means not obtaining a match is that said further processing is not allowed.

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10 6. The interface of claim 4 and wherein said plurality of protocols includes:  
11 CIM/XML/HTTP and SOAP/HTTP/WBEM.

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13 7. The interface of claim 1 and wherein said translating means includes said reverse-  
14 translating means.

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16 8. The interface of claim 6 and wherein said translating means includes said reverse-  
17 translating means.

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19 9. The interface of claim 3 and wherein said determining means further comprises:

20 means for establishing a plurality of acceptable protocols;

21 means for comparing said first protocol against said plurality of acceptable  
22 protocols seriatim until said first protocol matches one of said plurality of protocols; and,

means, responsive to operation of said comparing means for allowing said further processing.

10. In a storage system employed in a client-server network, a method for interfacing between a first protocol and a second protocol comprising:

receiving first information in accordance with said first protocol from said client; determining that said first protocol is acceptable to allow further processing of said first information in said system;

translating said first information into second information compatible with said second protocol;

establishing an object manager operative in accordance with said second protocol; forwarding said second information to said object manager and, responsive to said object manager managing said second information, receiving a managed response thereto from said object manager;

reverse-translating said managed response into an equivalent response compatible with said first protocol; and,

forwarding said equivalent response to said client.

11. The method of claim 10 and wherein said first protocol is CIM/XML/HTTP.

12. The method of claim 11 and wherein said second protocol is WMI/DCOM.

1 13. The method of claim 1 and wherein said determining further comprises:  
2 establishing a plurality of acceptable protocols;  
3 comparing said first protocol against said plurality of acceptable protocols  
4 seriatim until said first protocol matches one of said plurality of protocols; and,  
5 allowing said further processing.

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7 14. The method of claim 13 and wherein the result of said operation of said  
8 comparing not obtaining a match is that said further processing is not allowed.

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10 15. The method of claim 13 and wherein said plurality of protocols includes:  
11 CIM/XML/HTTP and SOAP/HTTP/WBEM.

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13 16. The method of claim 10 and wherein said translating includes said reverse-  
14 translating.

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16 17. The method of claim 15 and wherein said translating includes said reverse-  
17 translating.

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19 18. The method of claim 12 and wherein said determining further comprises:  
20 establishing a plurality of acceptable protocols;  
21 comparing said first protocol against said plurality of acceptable protocols  
22 seriatim until said first protocol matches one of said plurality of protocols; and,  
23 allowing said further processing.

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3 19. A computer program product for use on a computer to be operated within a client-  
4 server network employing a storage area network including at least one storage system,  
5 said computer program product functioning to interface between a first communication  
6 protocol and a second communication protocol and comprising a computer usable  
7 medium having computer readable program code thereon, said computer readable  
8 program code comprising:

9 program code for receiving first information in accordance with said first protocol  
10 from said client;

11 program code for determining that said first protocol is acceptable to allow further  
12 processing of said first information in said system;

13 program code for translating said first information into second information  
14 compatible with said second protocol;

15 program code for establishing an object manager operative in accordance with  
16 said second protocol;

17 program code for forwarding said second information to said object manager and,  
18 responsive to said object manager managing said second information, receiving a  
19 managed response thereto from said object manager;

20 program code for reverse-translating said managed response into an equivalent  
21 response compatible with said first protocol; and,

22 program code for forwarding said equivalent response to said client.  
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1 20. The computer program product of claim 19 and wherein said first protocol is  
2 CIM/XML/HTTP.

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4 21. The computer program product of claim 20 and wherein said second protocol is  
5 WMI/DCOM.

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7 22. The computer program product of claim 19 and wherein said program code for  
8 determining further comprises:

9 program code for establishing a plurality of acceptable protocols;  
10 program code for comparing said first protocol against said plurality of  
11 acceptable protocols seriatim until said first protocol matches one of said plurality of  
12 protocols; and,  
13 program code for allowing said further processing.

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15 23. The computer program product of claim 22 and wherein the result of operation of  
16 said program code for comparing not obtaining a match is that said further processing is  
17 not allowed.

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19 24. The computer program product of claim 22 and wherein said plurality of  
20 protocols includes: CIM/XML/HTTP and SOAP/HTTP/WBEM.

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22 25. The computer program product of claim 19 and wherein said program code for  
23 translating includes said program code for reverse-translating.

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2 26. The computer program product of claim 24 and wherein said program code for  
3 translating includes said program code for reverse-translating.

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5 27. The computer program product of claim 21 and wherein said program code for  
6 determining further comprises:

7                   program code for establishing a plurality of acceptable protocols;  
8                   program code for comparing said first protocol against said plurality of  
9 acceptable protocols seriatim until said first protocol matches one of said plurality of  
10 protocols; and,  
11                   program code for allowing said further processing.

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14 28. Apparatus to be operated within a client-server network employing a storage area  
15 network including at least one storage system, said apparatus functioning to interface  
16 between a first communication protocol and a second communication protocol and  
17 comprising:

18           first information receiver for receiving first information in accordance with said  
19 first protocol from said client;

20           first protocol acceptor for determining that said first protocol is acceptable to  
21 allow further processing of said first information in said system;

22           first information translator for translating said first information into second  
23 information compatible with said second protocol;

1 an object manager operative in accordance with said second protocol;  
2 forwarding and receiving apparatus for forwarding said second information to  
3 said object manager and, responsive to said object manager managing said second  
4 information, receiving a managed response thereto from said object manager;  
5 reverse translator for reverse-translating said managed response into an equivalent  
6 response compatible with said first protocol; and,  
7 equivalent response forwarder for forwarding said equivalent response to said  
8 client.

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10 29. The apparatus of claim 28 and wherein said first protocol is CIM/XML/HTTP.

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12 30. The apparatus of claim 29 and wherein said second protocol is WMI/DCOM.

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14 31. The apparatus of claim 28 and wherein said first protocol acceptor for  
15 determining further comprises:

16 plurality of protocols acceptor for establishing a plurality of acceptable  
17 protocols;

18 a comparator for comparing said first protocol against said plurality of  
19 acceptable protocols seriatim until said first protocol matches one of said plurality of  
20 protocols; and,

21 further processing apparatus for allowing said further processing.  
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32. The apparatus of claim 31 and wherein the result of operation of said comparator not obtaining a match is that said further processing is not allowed.

33. The apparatus of claim 31 and wherein said plurality of protocols includes: CIM/XML/HTTP and SOAP/HTTP/WBEM.

34. The apparatus of claim 28 and wherein said first information translator for translating includes said reverse translator for reverse-translating.

35. The apparatus of claim 26 and wherein said first information translator for translating includes said reverse translator for reverse-translating.

36. The apparatus of claim 30 and wherein said first protocol acceptor for determining further comprises:

plurality of protocols acceptor for establishing a plurality of acceptable protocols;

a comparator for comparing said first protocol against said plurality of acceptable protocols seriatim until said first protocol matches one of said plurality of protocols; and,

further processing apparatus for allowing said further processing.